



Baby Talk: Resources to Support the People Who Work with Infants and Toddlers

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What Can 2-Year-Olds Do? It Depends.

This video, which shows two-year-olds performing different tasks, is a delightful reminder of how much learning and development takes place in the 12 months of a 2-year-old. Watch the differences between younger, middle, and older two-year-olds as they respond to the requests and see what a difference a year makes. <https://youtu.be/sJkmnIQIYZg>

Singing to Babies: A Powerful Way to Learn and Connect

This article is a delightful combination of personal anecdotes and recent research about the power of singing to babies. For example, recent research has demonstrated that 5-month-olds whose parents sing them a song for just a week or two remember that melody eight months later. When they encounter strangers, who sing to them in the lab, they pay more attention to someone singing the familiar melody than a different song, even one with the same words and rhythms. Similarly, at 11 months, babies exposed to a song for one to two weeks will choose an object (a small stuffed lion, say) offered by a stranger singing the familiar song, preferring it to one presented by a stranger whose song they don't know. Want more? Go to <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/15/well/family/singing-with-my-grandbaby.html?ref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Fwell-family>

Early Exploration of Attributes with an Avocado

This spontaneous interaction between a caregiver and a toddler in this video reveals a number of very early or “precursor” concepts of math (i.e., comparison). The caregiver uses intonation and stress to emphasize comparison: “we cut the banana, but we will peel the avocado.” And, hey, we’re also addressing language! See for yourself at <https://earlymath.erikson.edu/early-exploration-attributes-avocado-concepts-of-math/>

Let's Talk About Math: Early Math Video Series

Let's Talk About Math! is an early math video series focusing on early math from birth to 3. With support from the Heising-Simons Foundation, ZERO TO THREE, Next Generation, and Too Small to Fail have partnered to develop a series of videos (in English and Spanish) highlighting the foundation of early math skills in the first 5 years of life. [Videos in the series are available in English and Spanish.](https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/series/let-s-talk-about-math-early-math-video-series) Check them out at <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/series/let-s-talk-about-math-early-math-video-series>

What's it like to be two years old? Fun. Confusing. Unapologetic.

This article looks at cognitive development from the view of a toddler. If you want to learn more about the miracles to expect in this marvelous year, read on. <https://hechingerreport.org/whats-it-like-to-be-two-years-old-fun-confusing-unapologetic/> NOTE: This article is part of a series on two-year-olds. To see other articles in the series, go to <https://hechingerreport.org/special-reports/the-terrible-twos/>

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